

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended the specification to add a reference to prior applications in the first sentence of specification. This amendment to the specification is purely formal in nature and thus, does not introduce new matter.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 4-8, 10-21, 28, 31-35, 37, 38, 40-45, 47, 49-51, 54-57, 60, and 61 without prejudice or disclaimer because these claims are drawn to subject matter that was not elected by Applicants in their Response to Restriction Requirement filed concurrently herewith. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Applicants have amended claim 22 to clarify the subject matter of their claimed invention and have added new claims 62-69. The new claims are directed to embodiments of the invention that lie with the subject matter of the elected group of claims. The amendment of claim 22 and the new claims are fully supported by the original specification and claims. Support for the amendment of claim 22 can be found, for example, in paragraphs 032, 033, 034, and 040 of the specification. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, in paragraphs 009, 010, 012, 027, 029, 030, 032, 036, 038, 040, 043, of the specification.

No new matter has been added by way of amendment of the claim 22 or by the addition of the new claims.

Claims 22-27, 58, 59, and 62-69 are pending.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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